

# High school versus college

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High School Life Versus College Life There are many ways to compare and contrast high school life versus college life. Some of the things to compare and contrast are the student life, the faculty, and the athletic structure. One way to compare and contrast high school life and college life is student population. The population in college far exceeds high school enrollment. In high school the average number of students is seven hundred fifty and in college the average number of students is approximately seven thousand. Also, in college the authority figures are less visible than in high school. In high school, teachers restrain the students in all activities and events. Whereas, in college the students are given more freedom to control themselves. Another difference is, in high school the hours are set in block form with no flexibility because the schedule is set by administration. College classes are more flexible because students get to choose what hours during the day they want to attend a class if an alternative is available. One way to compare and contrast high school life and college life is to look at the differences between high school teachers and college professors. High school teachers verbally explain what is expected throughout the duration of the semester. College professors give a syllabus which covers assignments and conduct. Taking class attendance is also done differently. Attendance is expected in high school with parent and administration approving any absences. In college, attendance is expected but students are solely responsible for attending classes. Another way to compare and contrast the two is to look at the teaching styles and methods. High school teachers teach from the textbook giving little if any notes at all. College professors teach lecture style requiring a great deal of note taking. One way to compare and contrast high

school life and college life is to look at the athletic programs. In high school, students are getting the basic training for a specific sport that leads to being disciplined. College athletes are already trained and taught discipline to maintain focus on a sport. Also in high school, the students are not as strong physically because the body has not finished maturing. In college most athletes have already matured physically and are taught to improve and maintain their physique. Another difference between the two is coaching styles. High school coaches are limited because the students are not as mentally or physically prepared so the coaches have to teach fundamentals of the sport. College coaches have an edge because the high school coach has laid the foundation therefore the college coach only has to build onto that foundation. High school life and college life vary in so many different ways. These different ways reflect a major change in a person's life when making the transition from one life to the next.